

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1718

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hertzberg
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Kuehl, Longville,
Machado, Mazzoni, Steinberg, and Strom-Martin)**

January 3, 2000

An act to add Section 13515.25 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1718, as introduced, Hertzberg. Peace officers: advanced training: mental illness.

Existing law requires specified categories of law enforcement officers to meet training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) program, including a basic training course for law enforcement officers containing an adequate instruction in the handling of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness, or both, as specified.

This bill would require every city police officer or deputy sheriff at a supervisory level or below who is assigned field or investigative duties to complete, every four years after being assigned field or investigative duties, an advanced training course in the handling of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness, or both, as specified. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated

by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13515.25 is added to the Penal
2 Code, to read:

3 13515.25. Every city police officer or deputy sheriff at
4 a supervisory level or below who is assigned field or
5 investigative duties shall, every four years after being
6 assigned field or investigative duties, complete an
7 advanced training course in the handling of persons with
8 developmental disabilities or mental illness, or both, that
9 is consistent with Section 13519.2 and is certified by the
10 Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.
11 Completion of the course may be satisfied by telecourse,
12 video training tape, or other instruction. The training
13 shall, at a minimum, address relevant laws, mental
14 disabilities, behavior indicators, confrontation resolution,
15 and any other topics specified in subdivision (b) of
16 Section 13519.2.

17 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the
18 Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates
19 determines that this act contains costs mandated by the
20 state, reimbursement to local agencies and school
21 districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7
22 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
23 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the
24 claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million

1 dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from
2 the State Mandates Claims Fund.

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